



Evaluating Resource Management Strategies For the California Water Plan

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FLOODS



DECLINING ECOSYSTEMS

Managing an Uncertain Future

Risk, Uncertainty, and Sustainability

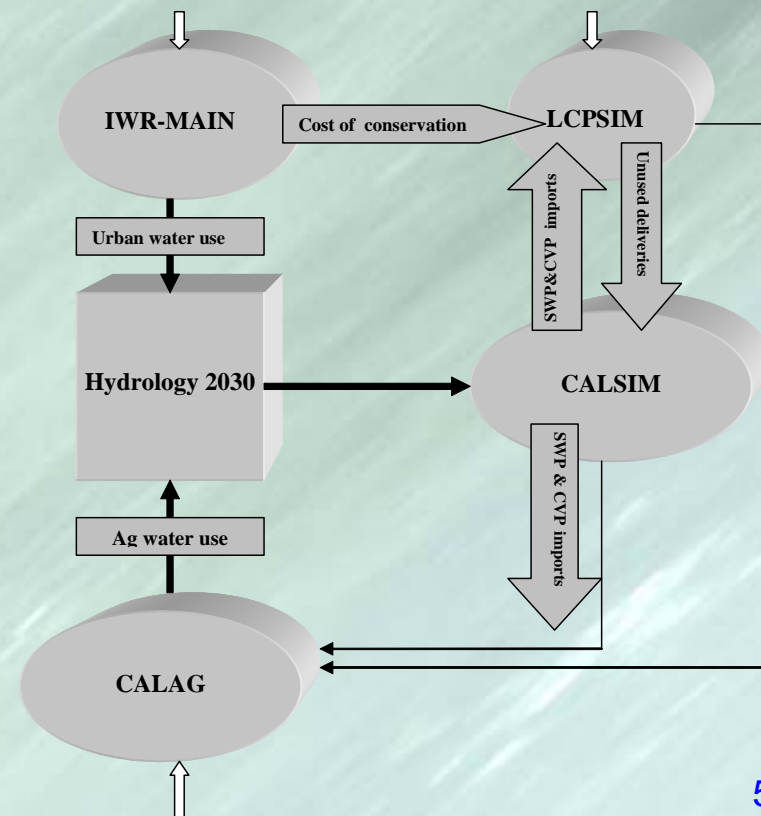
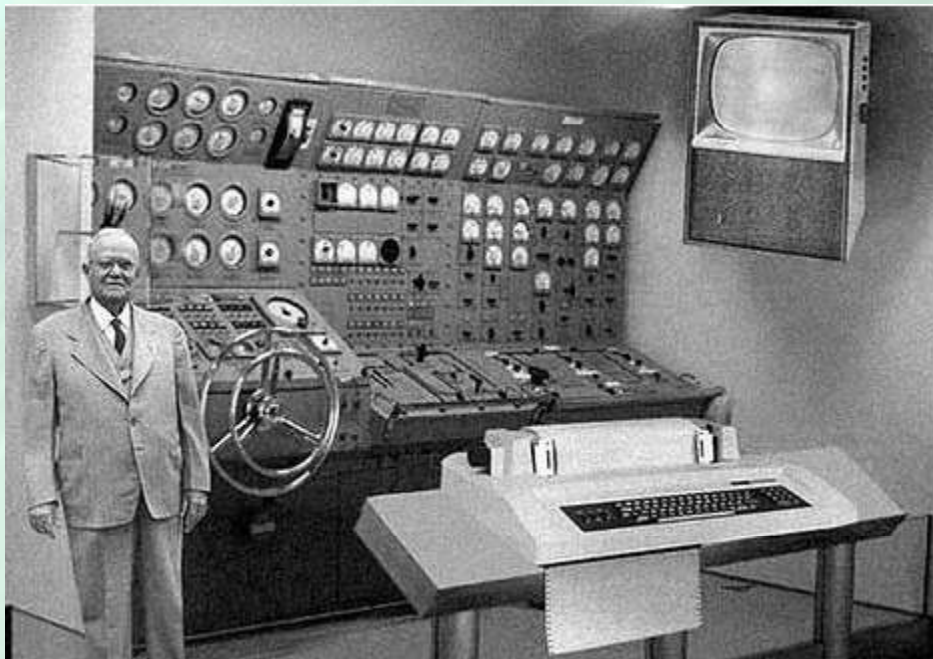
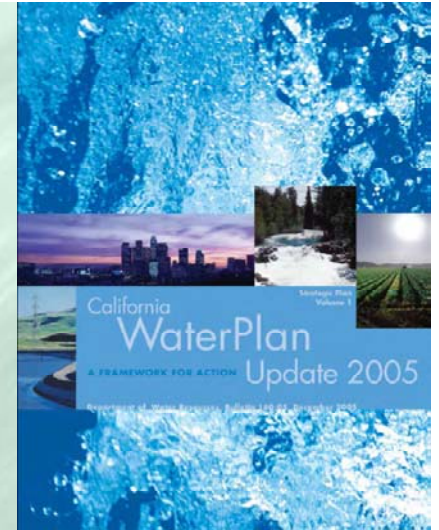


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CRISIS

Providing Context from Water Plan Update 2005

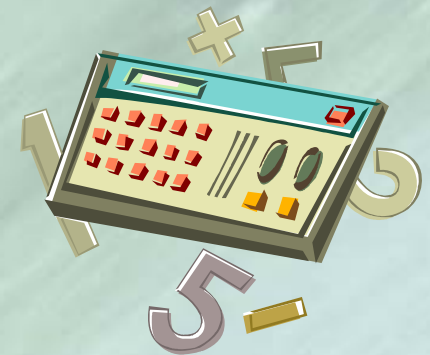
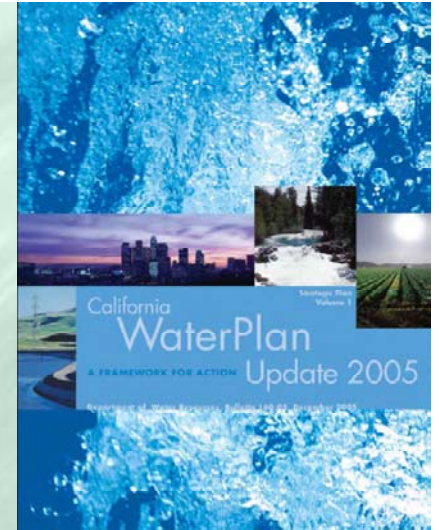


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Big Picture for Numbers

- 💧 Enhance shared understanding of California water management system
- 💧 Illustrate recent conditions
- 💧 Consider what changes are likely between now and 2030
- 💧 Identify and test promising responses to expected changes



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Source: Ken Kirby, 2005 Presentation
to the Water Plan Advisory committee

Putting the Views Together

Present



Objectives

Water Portfolios

State of the System

Future

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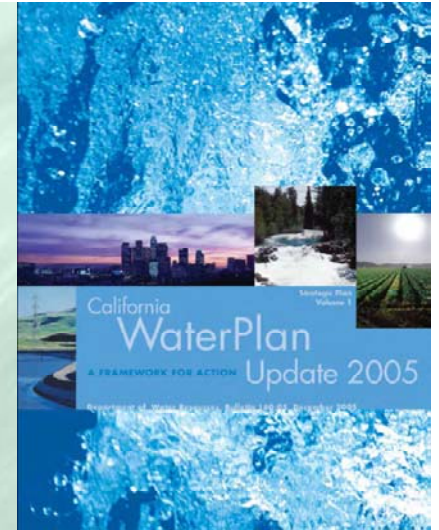
Alternative Response Packages

Responses

Scenarios



Evaluate



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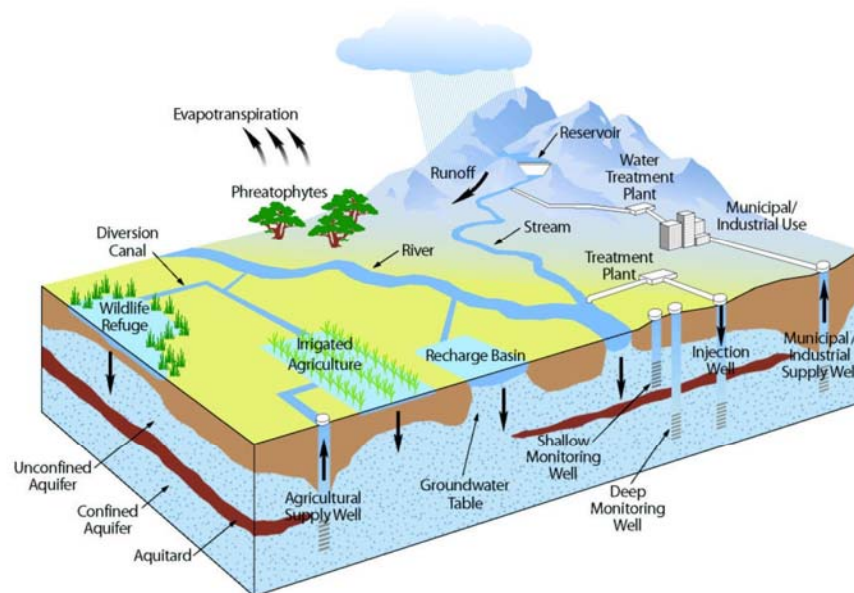
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What We've Heard

- Evaluate how factors like climate, future dedication of water to the environment, land use decisions and population affect future water management
- Evaluate how resource management strategies perform under alternative plausible futures
 - Quantify costs, benefits, tradeoffs, and vulnerabilities

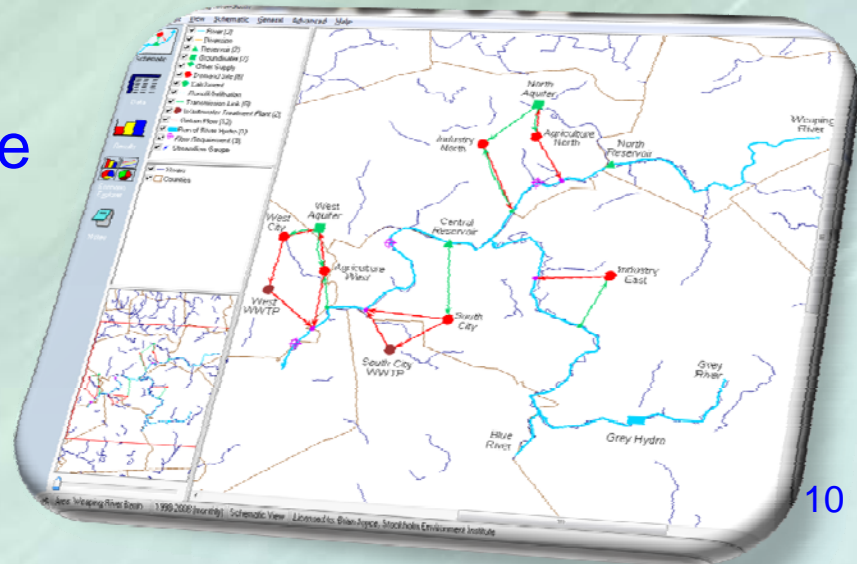


Improvements to analytical tools allow for more comprehensive evaluation



Water Evaluation and Planning System

- 💧 Object-oriented, menu-driven, water resources modeling platform
- 💧 Developed and maintained by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- 💧 Integrates watershed hydrology and river basin operations
- 💧 Ideally suited for screening analysis and climate change studies



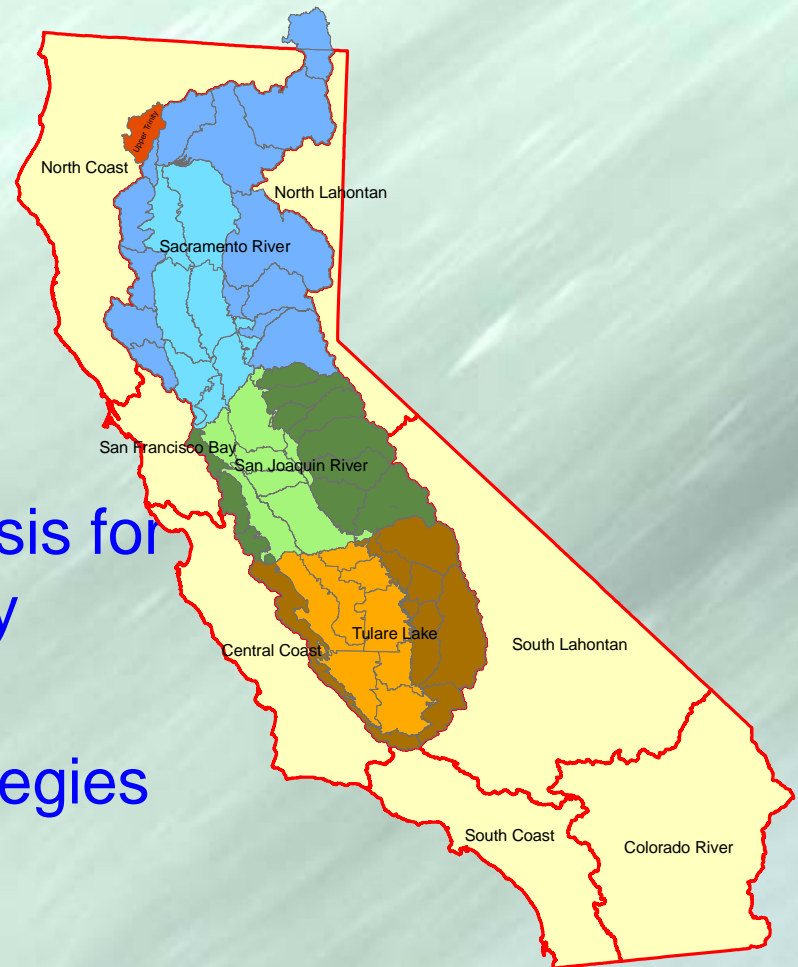
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Plan of Study for Update 2013

- ◆ Testing comprehensive analysis for three regions in Central Valley
 - Phased approach
- ◆ Will quantify a subset of strategies & strategy benefits
- ◆ Representation of regional groundwater and surface water systems
- ◆ Use monthly rainfall-runoff, water use, and water system operations data



Plan of Study Components

Uncertain Factors (X) and Scenarios	Management Strategies (L) and Response Packages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population • Employment • Housing density • Climate 	<p>Current Management</p> <p>Additional strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural water use efficiency • Urban water use efficiency • New surface storage • Conjunctive management & groundwater storage • Recycled municipal water • Meeting additional flow targets and groundwater recovery goals
Models (R)	Performance Metrics (M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPLAN • SWAP • Statewide WEAP Model • Central Valley WEAP Model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Supply Reliability • Agricultural Supply Reliability • Reliability of instream flow requirements and targets • Groundwater levels



Key Water Policy Questions

- 💧 How might demand, supply, and other water management conditions change between now and 2050?
- 💧 Which uncertain drivers are the most important?
- 💧 How can different water management strategies and response packages improve outcomes?
- 💧 What are the key tradeoffs among different strategies?



Goals for Today

- ◆ Interactively review results from a water management vulnerability assessment conducted for the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and Tulare Lake Hydrologic Regions and how vulnerabilities can be reduced by implementing alternative water management strategies.
- ◆ Seek feedback on presenting RDM analysis in the Water Plan Update 2013, discuss limitations, and provide advice for presenting to the Public Advisory Committee.



Agenda

💧 Evaluation of Central Valley Resource Management Strategies for an Uncertain Future

- Decision Framework
- Review outcomes for the Vulnerability Analysis
- Review outcomes for the Resource Management Strategies

💧 Discussion

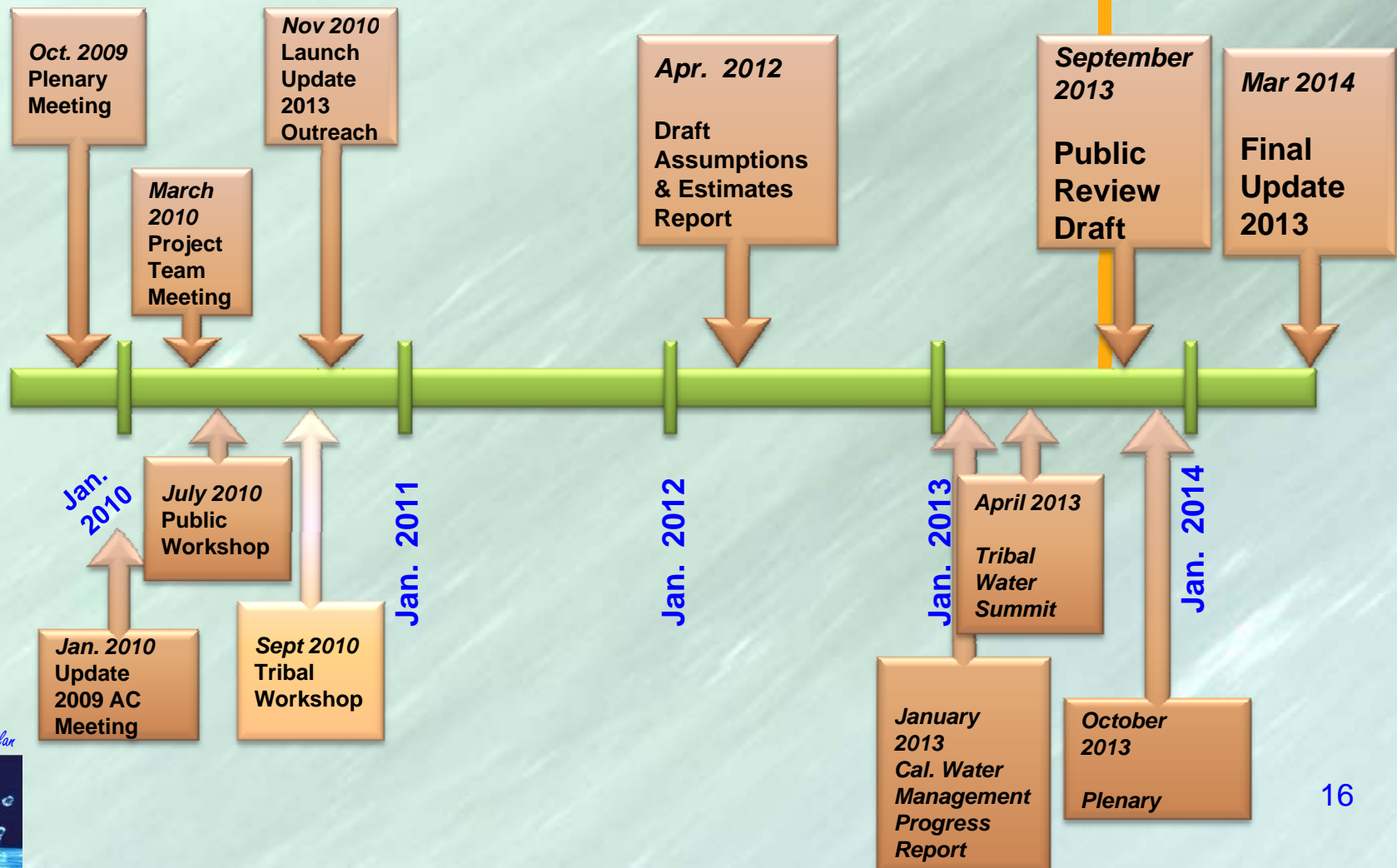
- What is your impression of the strengths and weakness of the results presented today?
- How relevant are the results presented to water policy decisions facing California?
- What advice do you have presenting the results at the Water Plan Plenary meeting?



Water Plan Timeline: Homestretch



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